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SUBJECT: UNGA: SPECIAL SESSION TO CONVENE APRIL 9

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1. ALTHOUGH GOB HAD INTENDED TO SEND A MINISTER OR SECSTATE FOR ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO HEAD BELGIAN DELEGATION TO UNGA SPECIAL SESSION, DELAY IN FORMING NEW GOVERNMENT NOW PRECLUDES THIS. BELGIAN DELEGATION WILL BE HEADED BY THEIR PERMREP TO UNGA. DELEGATION WILL ALSO INCLUDE OFFICER DEALING WITH PRIMARY RESOURCES IN DIRECTORATE FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS OF MINFOR AFFAIRS. IN ADDITION, AMBASSADOR DENIS WHO HAS BEEN ACTING HEAD OF BELGIAN DELEGATION TO ENERGY COOPERATION GROUP MEETINGS IN BRUSSELS MAY PARTICIPATE.

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2. ACCORDING TO MINFORAFFAIRS SOURCE BELGIANS WILL OPERATE

ON PETROLEUM QUESTIONS WITH GENERAL GUIDELINES WORKED OUT AT APRIL 3-4 ECG MEETING IN BRUSSELS. AT ECG MEETING GOB TABLED WORKING PAPER ON GUIDELINES ON ENERGY QUESTIONS IN INDIVIDUAL AND INFORMAL CONTACTS DURING UN SPECIAL SESSION. PAPER'S GENERAL THRUST IN LINE WITH USG PERSPECTIVE PROVIDED IN STATE 57513 AND GENERALLY IN TUNE WITH VIEWS OF OTHERS MEMBERS OF ECG (INCLUDING USG).

3. FOLLOWING ARE MAIN POINTS OF BELGIAN PAPER CIRCULATED IN ECG IN ORDER PROVIDE FLAVOR OF BELGIAN THINKING ON THIS SUBJECT:

A. "INTERESTS OF ALL COUNTRIES SHOULD BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT AND VIABILITY OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC SYSTEM UPHELD. COOPERATION ALONE CAN SOLVE SERIOUS PROBLEMS FACING WORLD." THESE INCLUDE "MAINTAINING STABLE SUPPLIES OF ENERGY", "PROBLEM FACING NON-OIL PRODUCER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES." AND "PROBLEMS FACING WORLD ECONOMY CAUSED BY LARGE AND ABRUPT INCREASES IN OIL PRICES... IN PARTICULAR SERIOUS PROBLEMS WILL ARISE IN WORLD TRADE AND IN FINANCING BALANCE OF PAYMENTS DEFICITS."

B. WORK IN ECG AND IN RELATED ORGANIZATIONS (E.G. OECD) BEING PURSUED AS "PREPARATION FOR FAIR AND OPEN TALKS WITH PRODUCER COUNTRIES AND OTHER CONSUMING COUNTRIES WITH AIM OF IDENTIFYING MUTUAL INTERESTS AND TRYING TO FIND SOLUTIONS TO PROBLEMS AT HAND. WITH THIS OBJECTIVE IN MIND, WE WELCOME VIEWS OF ALL OTHER COUNTRIES, BOTH PRODUCERS AND CONSUMERS, ON VARIOUS ASPECTS OF WORLD ENERGY PROBLEM, AS THEY MAY BE EXPRESSED THROUGH BILATERAL CONTACTS OR IN FORUM OF UN OR OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS." STRAUSS-KHAN

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